

'Church' Issues Face U.S. Court

By W. Barry Garrett
WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court now has two major cases before it for "judicial review" of public policies on public aid to parochial schools.

The court has agreed to review another New York case involving the constitutionality of a state law requiring public school boards to provide textbooks on a loan basis to all school pupils, public or private, for grades 7-12.

Earlier the court agreed to review a New York case (Flast v. Gardner) on the question of "standing to sue" for citizens and taxpayers who challenge public expenditures on the grounds of violation of the First Amendment. This case will be argued before the court in March.

These developments could have significant effect on current efforts in Congress to enact a judicial review law that

is being pushed by Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D., N. C.). The effect could be to cause the House of Representatives to move even slower and more cautiously (if that were possible) than it has done on this matter.

There have been those all along who have argued that no new judicial review legislation is necessary if all the possibilities of court action now existing were pursued. This could prove to be true.

The latest New York case which the Supreme Court will now review is Board of Education of Central School District No. 1 v. James E. Allen Jr., as commissioner of the State of New York.

At issue is the 1965 New York state law on Textbooks for school children. The question before the Supreme Court is whether or not the purchase of textbooks with public

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Home Mission Week Goal Set \$5,500,000

A million dollars of the 1968 Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions has been earmarked by the Home Mission Board for Project 500.

Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, set a record-high Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$5,500,000 after hearing the Home Mission Board's plan to begin 500 churches at strategic points during 1969.

The Home Mission Board is

spotting sites for preaching points in areas the Southern Baptist Convention has entered since 1940 — northeast, west, and midwest. Sites will be in major industrial, transportation, and population hubs.

The Home Mission Board has designated the last million dollars of the \$5,500,000 goal for Project 500. The Annie Armstrong funds will be used to supply pastoral aid to the infant churches and missions.

Other contributions will be allocated to carry on regular home missions work and to underwrite special projects. A \$500,000 allocation will be divided among the Crusade of the Americas, disaster relief, missionary salary increases, mission buildings, and scholarships for National Baptists.

"This \$5,500,000 goal is a million dollar increase over last year's goal," noted Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMU, SBC. "To reach it will require Southern Baptists to stretch into new patterns of giving for home missions. The entire goal must be reached if Project 500 is

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State Baptist Growth Continues During 1967

Mississippi Baptist life and work increased in most areas during 1967 over 1966, according to figures currently released by the office of Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

The membership of the churches in 1967 totaled 515,270, an all-time high and an increase of 8,230 over the 507,040 reported in 1966.

The number of churches in 1967 was 1900, an increase of 34 over the 1866 in 1966.

The number of baptisms in 1967 was 16,359, an increase of 432 over the 15,927 baptized in 1966.

The baptism ratio was 31.50 in 1967 compared to 31.84 in 1966, a decrease of 1.1%, but a decrease is favorable in this category because it means that it took fewer people in 1967 to win each convert than it did in 1966.

Additions by letter for 1967

totalled 24,857, a decrease of 879 under the 25,736 in 1966.

Cooperative Program contributions for 1967 were \$3,372,853, an increase of \$186,655 over the \$3,186,198 given in 1966.

Total mission gifts in 1967 were \$5,608,435, an increase of \$459,111 over the \$5,150,324 given in 1966.

Total receipts by the churches for all purposes in 1967 were \$31,978,079, an increase of \$2,119,788 over the \$29,858,291 given in 1966.

Per capita total receipts for 1967 was \$62.06, an increase of \$3.17 over the \$58.89 given in 1966.

The number enrolled in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan in 1967 was 770, an increase of 38 over 1966.

Pastor's annual salary in 1967 totalled \$6,482,332, an increase of \$296,161 over the \$6,186,171 in 1966.

The value of church property in 1967 totalled \$152,522,278, an increase over the \$140,631,906 in 1966.

The number of liters in 1967 was 65,056, a decrease under the 65,782 recorded in 1966.

The number ordained to the ministry showed a decline with 87 reported in 1967 as compared to 99 in 1966.

Increases were recorded in two of the departments of work, with four showing decreases.

W. M. U. enrollment was 59,365 in 1967 as compared to 58,980, an increase of 385.

Musical Ministry enrollment stood at 55,240 in 1967, an increase of 8,134 over the 47,106 in 1966.

Royal Ambassador enrollment in 1967 was 7,355, a decrease of 202 under the 7,557

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District Music Festivals Ready

A series of 17 district Baptist piano playing, song leading and vocal festivals will be held in the state Feb. 1-3.

Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department, sponsor, has released the following schedule, with the minister of music of the host church to direct the clinic in most churches.

Feb. 1 — Poplar Springs Church, Meridian, with Russell Bishop, director; Temple, Hattiesburg, Bill Benson; First, Piquette, Paul Padgett; First, West Point, Jerry Neely; First, Brandon, Aris Nichols; Morrison Heights, Clinton, Tanner Riley; Emmanuel, Grenada, Gerald Swimmer.

Feb. 2 — First, Biloxi, Harold Hancock; First, Natchez, Major McDaniel; Broadmoor, Jackson, Bill Burnstead; First, Batesville, Donald Brown.

Feb. 3 — First, Cleveland, Milton Burd; Parkway, Jackson, Jimmy Jones; Harrisburg, Tupelo, Jim Raymick; Highland, Laurel, Bill Butler; First, Kosciusko, Farley Earnest; First, Brookhaven, Harry Thompson.

The festivals on Feb. 1 and 2 will open with orientation at 6:30 P.M. followed by festival beginning at 6:45 p.m.

The Feb. 3 festivals will open at 9:15 a.m. with orientation followed by festival beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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GEORGIA BODY OK'S U.S. AID FOR COLLEGE

By Jack U. Harwell

ATLANTA (BP) — In an historic reversal of Baptist position on separation of church and state here, the Atlanta Baptist Association has authorized trustees of the new Atlanta Baptist College to seek and accept federal funds.

Approval of the motion adopted by a vote of 487-370, made no distinction between federal loans and federal grants.

Trustees of the new Baptist school, scheduled to open in September of 1968, will be allowed to use their own discretion to apply for and obtain federal funds for construction of buildings and purchase of equipment.

The motion, however, provides that accepting federal aid shall not limit the freedom of the college in the conduct of the operation in respect to faculty, curriculum, or any other matters.

The decision came in a called associational meeting at Morningside Baptist Church in Atlanta. The noisy crowd, estimated at more than 1,000 persons, completely

overflowed the sanctuary, adjoining hallways, and the church social hall.

The meeting lasted for two hours. Fourteen speakers debated the controversial proposal, and several others asked and answered specific questions.

The action finally taken by the association included stipulations designed to prevent undue federal control should the trustees accept any federal funds.

One clause said that the college should borrow from com-

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REA Meet Planned



Wm. E. Young



Robert S. Clemmons

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association will be held Feb. 22-24 at the Hotel Buena Vista in Biloxi.

Wm. E. Hardy, Jr., of Kosciusko, president, said that more than 75 Baptist religious education workers from every section of the state are expected to attend.

The two principal speakers will be Wm. E. Young, director of field services, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Robert S. Clemmons, assistant to the General Secretary for Program Design and Coordination of the Methodist Church, Nashville.

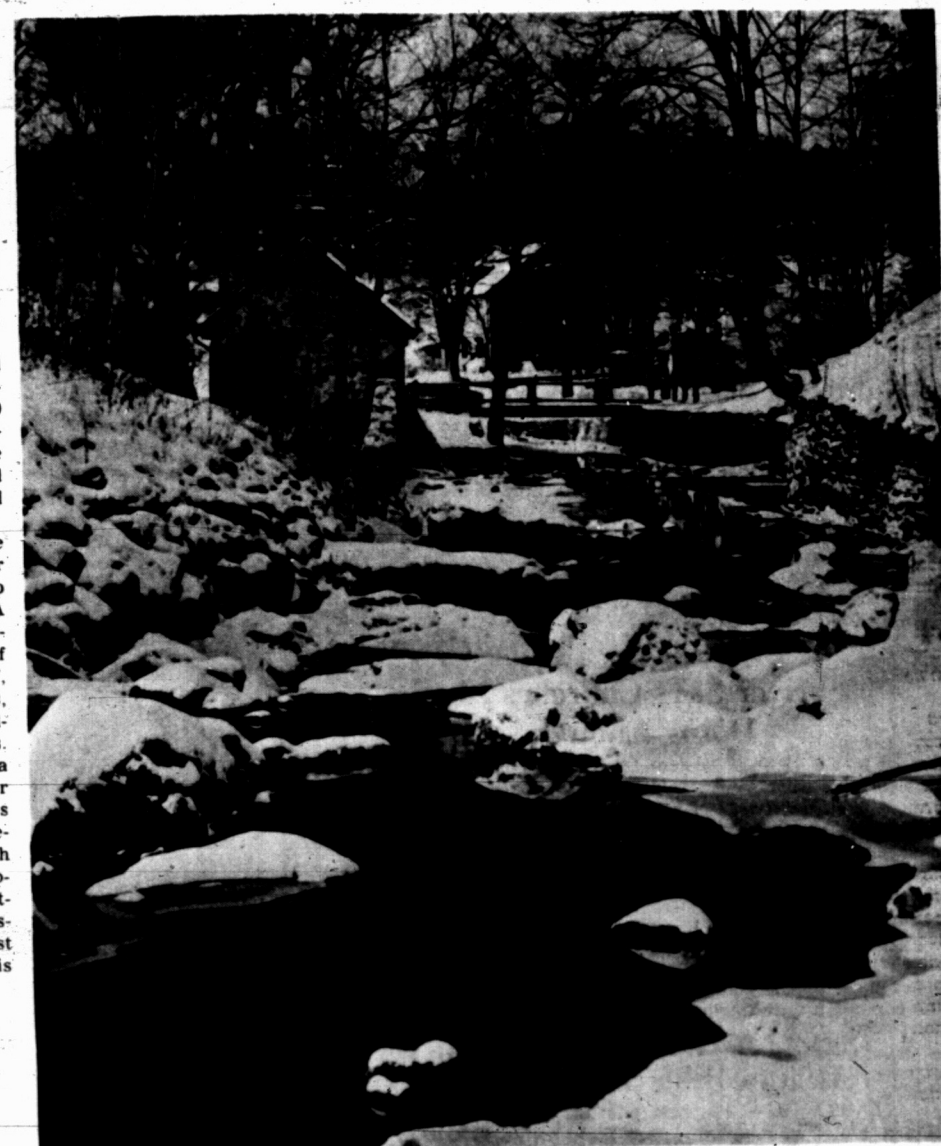
Mr. Clemmons is the author of three books: "Education for Churchmanship," "Dynamics of Christian Adult Education," and "Young Adults in the Church."

Program theme will be "Vitality for Religious Education Today."

Special features will include conferences for church and educational secretaries, conferences for wives of members, and special book store exhibits.

Those to attend will include church staff members, denominational workers, teachers of religious education and others interested in

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"FOR AS THE RAIN and the snow came down from heaven, and... water the earth, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth..." Isa. 55: 10-11. (RSV)—RNS Photo

HUDGINS TO PREACH SERMON

Billy Graham Scheduled As Major SBC Speaker

HOUSTON (BP) — Evangelist Billy Graham will be the headline speaker when the Southern Baptist Convention meets here for its 111th annual convention June 4-7.

Graham will deliver the closing address on Friday evening, June 7, according to the proposed program prepared by the convention's committee on order of business.

The completed program was released by the chairman of the committee, J. Norris Palmer, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, La.

Palmer explained that the 1968 convention would devote an hour-and-a-half more time for business than the convention last year in Miami Beach, Fla.

The 1968 proposed convention program provides 4½ hours for conducting the business of the nation's largest Protestant denomination. The 1967 convention devoted two hours, 50 minutes to business.

Palmer pointed out two other changes this year, both relating to conducting conven-

Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, as alternate.

The annual president's address, presented by SBC President H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn., is scheduled Wednesday morning, June 5.

Carrying out a traditional pattern, the Wednesday evening program will emphasize home missions and the Thursday evening program will feature foreign missions.

Most of the program will be devoted to reports from the 21 agencies of the SBC, and time for business of the convention. Only four major sermon-

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Cincinnati Will Host POAU Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Cincinnati has been named as the meeting place for the 20th National Conference on Church and State. Dates of the event are Feb. 6, 7.

The annual meeting is sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Headquarters are in Washington, D. C. President of the Cincinnati chapter of American United is J. William Miller.

A welcome address by Charles P. Taft, former president of the National Council of Churches, will open the two-day conference. Addresses and discussions will center around such topics as "Should Churches Pay Taxes?" "The Changing Climate in Church and State," "Problems of Constitutional Revision" (both Federal and State), "The New Mask of Clericalism," and "Analysis of the New York Constitutional Convention Results."

Program personalities will include Paul A. Reynolds, phi-

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Clergy Faces Questions About Social Security Coverage

By W. Barry Garrett
WASHINGTON (BP) —

Clergymen are now included in the provisions of the Social Security, according to the new Public Law 90-248, unless they elect on grounds of conscience or religious principles to apply for exemption.

The new law raises many questions for ministers. We do not profess to know all the answers, for one reason because we do not know all the questions.

However, from the legislative record in Congress, from the wording of the law itself

and from conversations with persons in the responsible governmental agencies, we do have some answers to some questions.

Question: What change did the new Social Security law make regarding coverage of ministers of religion?

Answer: Previously, ministers were exempt from Social Security unless they asked for coverage. New Clergymen are covered unless they ask for exemption.

Question: What are the grounds upon which a clergyman can stand in asking for

exemption from Social Security?

Answer: The new law exempts a minister only on the grounds of conscientious objection, or religious principles, or if he has taken a vow of poverty as a member of a religious order.

Question: Is there a way a minister can obtain exclusion from Social Security other than to claim conscientious objection or to claim that his religious principles prohibit him from participation, or to take a vow of poverty as a

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Baptist Drama Set For CBS

FORT WORTH (BP)—The dramatic cantata, Romans By St. Paul, will be presented on the Columbia Broadcasting System television network on Sunday, Jan. 28, by the Everyman Players of Centenary College in Shreveport, La.

The half-hour color program, presented on the "Lamp Unto My Feet" series on CBS-TV, was produced with the cooperation of the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission here.

The Everyman Players which will present the dramatic sermon-cantata has gained national publicity for their creative and unusual production of both Romans by St. Paul, and The Book of Job.

Texas Baptists Create New Men's Units

DALLAS (BP)—A new organization for Baptist laymen, called Texas Baptist Men, has been officially constituted during its first meeting.

About 75 Baptist laymen and pastors from throughout the state approved the constitution and by-laws for the new organization in a called meeting here at First Baptist Church.

The new organization will replace the Texas Baptist Brotherhood organization, although convention officials said that the work of the two will be virtually the same.

Hamburg Seminary Has 64 Enrolled

HAMBURG—The German Baptist Seminary in Hamburg reports an enrolment of 64 students during the current academic year, including 17 newcomers. Four of the students come from outside Germany for a year's study as guest auditors.

Located on the same campus is the Bible and missionary school with a registration of 12 students for the current class period. As an experiment, students of the Bible and missionary school are taking some of their courses together with seminary students. (EBPS)

Shriver Says Churches Not Doing Enough

DENVER (RNS)—Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, told the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren boards of missions here that the U. S. cannot win the war on poverty without the help of the churches and churchmen.

While praising the Churches for what they are doing in the struggle against poverty, he said that they are not doing enough.

He told the clergymen in the large audience that they reach 100 million Americans on Sunday mornings. "You can reach these people and tell them," he said, "that the poor in the community need help—human help, not dollar help."

Atlanta Bible Drive Closes

ATLANTA (BP)—The bold pilot project to distribute one million copies of paperback New Testaments in this metropolitan area of barely more than a million people met with some skepticism at its kickoff last fall.

But as the American Bible Society-sponsored, campaign drew to a close in January, fewer than 75,000 of the "Good News For Modern Man" translations remained.

The initial door-to-door effort (co-approved by the Atlanta Christian Council) coincided with the National Bible Reading Week last fall, but the distribution through individuals, churches and other groups continued steadily into the new year.

Gilfoy School Plans Preview Of Nursing Day

A "Preview of Nursing Day" will be held by the faculty and students of the Gilfoy School of Nursing, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, in Jackson on Saturday, January 27.

Registration time is 9:30 a. m. in the School of Nursing lobby. This activity is being planned to acquaint persons interested in a nursing career with the curriculum available in this institution.

The program will be opened by welcomes from Paul Pryor, hospital administrator; Mrs. Mary Holyfield, director of the School of Nursing, and Miss Dianne Cobb, student body president. An informal discussion of the different phases of student life and school curriculum will be given by a faculty-student panel. Entertainment will be provided by a student group.

Following the program, tours of the new school and dormitory facilities will be offered to answer any questions concerning the program. The day's events will be concluded at 1:00 p. m. by a dutch-treat luncheon held in the hospital cafeteria. Advance registration is necessary for those planning to attend the luncheon.

Invitations to "Preview of Nursing" have been sent to junior and senior high school counselors and interested students throughout the state. Any other persons interested in attending should contact Mrs. Mary Holyfield, Gilfoy School of Nursing, 1121 North State Street, Jackson, Miss.

MINISTERS OF MUSIC-YOUTH SOUGHT FOR NORTHEAST U. S.

Rev. Edward Lott, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bel Air, Md., accompanied by Rev. David Wilson, will be at Mississippi College Jan. 31 to interview ministers of music and youth or music and education who feel they may be interested in locating in the northeast.

Those interested are urged to contact Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lott at the college.



THE 75-VOICE YOUTH CHORUS that will render "Good News" at Daniel Church in Jackson is seen above.

FIRST PERFORMANCE IN AREA

75 Daniel Young People To Present Folk Musical

A 75-voice youth chorus, of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, will present the new religious folk musical, "Good News," on Sunday night, January 28, at the church, and again on Saturday night, February 3. The time is 7:00 p. m. "Good News," a new folk musical which presents the challenge of Christianity to today's youth, was premiered during 1967 at Glorieta Assembly.

Produced jointly by the Church Recreation Department and the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, this 55-minute musical includes original folk songs, written and compiled by Bob Oldenburg of the Church Recreation Department. Other features included are dramatic sequences, monologues, and an opportunity for personal testimonies.

The presentation at Daniel Church will utilize ten soloists and several duets and quartets, as well as narrators. The accompaniment will be provided by three guitars, bass violin, and pinao.

The chorus, under the direction of Dan C. Hall, state music director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, will sing twelve choruses. Dennis Conniff III, minister of education at Daniel Church, is Properties Coordinator. Mrs. Conniff is in charge of staging the performance.

Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor, states that as far as it is known, this will be the first performance of "Good News" in the central Mississippi area.

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money for free loan to pupils in parochial schools violates the "establishment clause" and the "free exercise clause" of the First Amendment of the federal Constitution.

This amendment, which is now applicable to the states, says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The New York State Constitution prohibits public aid "directly" or "indirectly" to church schools.

The argument is whether or not such aid to school children is aid to the private school either directly or indirectly.

Those who oppose such aid to parochial school children say that this is an indirect aid to their schools that is prohibited by both the state and the federal Constitutions. They say that if this policy is upheld the same principle could then be applied to equipment and even to buildings and teachers in church schools.

The textbook case was taken to the courts by the school board of East Greenbush, a suburb of Albany, and by other local school officials in Rensselaer, Columbia and Nassau Counties.

The contended that the 1965 law forced them to violate both the state and federal Constitutions. They were placed in the position of obeying a law in violation of the Constitution or of disobeying a law which requires of them a certain course of action. They asked the courts to settle the problem.

Three court decisions have been handed down in New

York: (1) the State Supreme Court, Aug. 18, 1966, declared the state textbook law unconstitutional;

Lacks Jurisdiction

(2) The Appellate Division ruled in December 1966 that the local school district lacked jurisdiction to challenge the law and thus reversed the decision of the lower court.

(3) The Court of Appeals in June 1967 restored the local school district's right to file suit, but declared the law constitutional under both the state and federal constitutions.

The U. S. Supreme Court will now make a ruling on the federal question or questions that may be involved in the issue.

The decision of the court will affect much more than the New York law. Six other states—Louisiana, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Indiana, West Virginia and Kansas—have laws permitting textbooks to be loaned to children attending parochial schools.

In three other states—Oregon, New Mexico and South Dakota—such practice has been held to violate their respective constitutions.

In addition the federal government spends \$60 million annually to purchase textbooks and to provide specialized instruction to pupils in church-related schools.

If in the First Case the Supreme Court agrees that citizens and taxpayers have "standing to sue" in First Amendment cases, and if the New York law is declared to violate the federal Constitution: (1) many cases challenging federal and state practices can be expected to explode all over the nation, and (2) many government programs ranging from the Hill-Burton Public Health Act to current welfare and education

acts could be thrown out by the courts.

There is no sure way to predict at this stage the ways the Supreme Court may handle these cases or what their decisions might be. The arguments are strong on both sides and the national issues at stake are far-reaching.

Cincinnati Will . . .

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osophy professor at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.; Roy Nichols, pastor of Salem Methodist Church, New York City; C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Americans United, Washington, D. C.; James M. Hutchinson, pastor of First Unitarian Church, Cincinnati; Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United, Washington, D. C.; Virgil M. Rogers, special project director for National Education Association, Washington, D. C.; G. Weir Hartman, president of Ohio Free Schools Association, Columbus, Ohio; William A. Cook, former superintendent of schools, North College Hill, Cincinnati; and W. Stanley Rycroft of New York City, trustee of Americans United.

District Music . . .

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participant will play the hymn once as written, once while the congregation sings and once as a variation.

In addition the tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders may also play a classical selection listed by the department.

The song leading festival is also open to those nine years through high school. Each participant will direct one stanza each of three hymns and indicate to the accompanist the tempo of each song.

The festival for vocalists is open to tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders only. Each participant will sing his selection and be judged on five points: Interpretation, accuracy, tone, other effects, and appearance.

Home Mission . . .

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to receive the million dollars it needs," she pointed out.

Giving will be in connection with the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 3-10. Theme for the week is "Pray in One Accord," based on Acts 1:14 and 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Daily prayer and study will focus on regular programs of the Home Mission Board, on the Crusade of the Americas, and on Project 500. Guidance for organizational and churchwide observance is in Royal Service.

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mercial sources or raise from the churches enough funds to pay back the government if the government ever passes new laws or interprets existing laws in such a way that the trustees feel their freedom is threatened.

A further clause added that should the trustees not be able to raise the necessary funds to pay back the government in such a situation, that the trustees should recommend to the association proposals to solve the problems.

The president of the Atlanta Baptist College board of trustees, Monroe Swilley, said after the action that "the trustees recognize the heavy responsibility resting upon them to carefully evaluate any application for federal assistance and to be convinced that such assistance will not involve any degree of federal control over administration, faculty, curriculum or other matters."

Swilley, pastor of the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church here, added that the college trustees "are not anxious to run to the federal treasury. We will scrutinize every program carefully. We might not ever get any federal money. We will be prayerful and careful."

The day after the vote, the vice president in charge of development at Atlanta Baptist College, Dick H. Hall Jr., resigned in protest of the association's action.

Hall had been vice president for two years, after retirement as pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga. The

college does not have a president or faculty members.

Hall Gives Position

Hall said he found himself "in an untenable position." He said he has supported the principle of separation of church and state through all his ministry. "To be of further use to the college, I would be compelled to compromise very deep convictions," he said. "This I cannot do."

Hall has long been a national spokesman for separation of church and state, serving as vice president of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State since 1960. Other reactions to the controversial decision were immediate throughout the Atlanta area.

Several pastors announced to lead their churches to withdraw from the association.

Hugh Brooks, pastor of West End Baptist Church here, told his congregation that he is personally forfeiting membership in the association because of the federal aid decision, and that if the church does not follow suit he will resign as pastor. The church was scheduled to vote on the matter in a called conference Jan. 24.

Brooks has been one of Georgia's most consistent opponents of federal funds. He made the motion at the 1965 Georgia Baptist Convention which forced Mercer University to finance its new science building through a commercial loan instead of a federal loan. That decision was repeated in 1966.

FORMER BMC PROFESSOR, MISS NORA LEE RAY, DIES

Funeral services for Miss Nora Lee Ray, Blue Mountain, member of the English faculty of Blue Mountain College for 35 years; granddaughter of the founder of Blue Mountain College, were held at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday January 23, in Lowrey Memorial Church, with the pastor, Rev. Bill R. Peacock, officiating.

Miss Ray was the daughter of the late Rev. Leon T. Ray and Mrs. Linnie Lowrey Ray.

Miss Ray taught English for three years at Hillman College, Clinton, and joined the Blue Mountain faculty in 1917, where she served until her retirement in 1952.

A scholar, teacher of English literature, Shakespeare, and voice at the college, she held the BA degree from Blue Mountain College, BS degree from Peabody College, and MA degree from University of Mississippi. She also did graduate study at the University of Virginia.

Noted for her ability to quote numerous lines from English literature, from Shakespeare and the Bible, she was never referred to by her students as Miss Ray, but affectionately as "Miss Nora Lee."

For more than 20 years she taught an adult Bible class in Lowrey Memorial Church, led the Sunbeam organization for 20 years, and served for 15 years as choir director.

Upon retirement, she spent her time, when failing eye sight permitted, reading books, her Bible, the daily newspaper, calling on friends and neighbors, especially the ill, and caring for her aged uncle, Joseph Johnston Lowrey, the last of the eleven children of General and Mrs. M. P. Lowrey, fathers of the college. Mr. Joseph Johnston Lowrey passed away only two years ago.

During the inaugural ceremony for the fifth president of Blue Mountain College, the expansive and modern Ray dining hall was named and dedicated in honor of Miss Nora Lee Ray, and her mother, Mrs. Linnie Lowrey Ray, the mother having served as college dietitian for 27 years.

Hundreds of alumni of Blue Mountain College over the nation, loved and appreciated Miss Nora Lee, for her sharing Christian example, her intellect, her famous health talks, and her daily displayed quotations in the classroom, from her textbooks or the Bible.

She was a friend and earnest counselor to all Blue Mountain College girls of her generation. She died in the New Albany Hospital Sunday night after having suffered a broken hip and pneumonia.

She is survived by a host of cousins, among them: Perlin H. Lowrey, Blue Mountain; W. T. Lowrey, Jr., New Albany; Rosewell G. Lowrey, Hattiesburg, and others.



PARKWAY CHURCH, JACKSON, is first to earn special award. Pictured are Randall Bryant, (left) Training Union Director, and Curtis Beard, minister of education, of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson. Parkway is the first church in the state to receive Merit Recognition, using the Training Union Achievement Guide. The Achievement Guide became effective on October 1, 1967. Other awards beyond Merit Recognition are Advanced and Distinguished. Rev. Bill Causey is pastor at Parkway.



FEATURED SINGERS for the Mississippi Gideon's Convention in Jackson will be R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City, Mississippi. The Convention will be held in the Heidelberg Hotel January 26-27. R. L. and Beth Sigrest are noted for their musical talents, as singers and pianist. The Sigrests have been singing together since both were students at Mississippi College. A lyric tenor, R. L. was soloist for the Mississippi College Singers.



James Frost
Speaker



Dr. Larry Rohrman
Speaker



Miss Loeen Bushman
Accompanist



Dr. Leo Green
Bible Study



Dr. W. D. Laws
Speaker



Dr. L. Gordon Sansing
Director



Gene Bartlett
Music Director

FMB Gets \$646,536 Advance SBC Funds

"We move into 1968 aware of the great opportunities throughout the world and of the continuing tensions and crises which complicate the world situation," said Dr. Baker J. Cathen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in his report at its January meeting. "In the midst of this situation we are committed to an enlarging ministry, through spoken word and loving deed, to a world in need."

Dr. Cathen announced that at the end of 1967 the Board received \$646,536 as its share of money received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention after the Convention's unified budget was met in mid-December. (The unified budget supports all SBC causes. Money received after this budget was met on December 19 was divided between the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, with the Foreign Board getting two thirds.)

Dr. Cathen said these funds are being earmarked for appropriation as follows: \$200,000 for Latin America, \$200,000 for the Orient, \$100,000 for Africa, \$100,000 for Europe and the Middle East, and \$46,536 for special projects in evangelism and church development.

Gaza Hospital Reinforced
The Board employed one new missionary nurse and reassigned two others to relieve the shortage of nurses at the Baptist Hospital in Gaza, a condition made critical by the June war in the Middle East. They are Miss Patricia Haile, of Espanola, N. M., employed for two years under the Board's special-project-nurse personnel category; Miss Anne Dwyer, of Sperryville, Va., career missionary transferred from Jordan to Gaza; and Miss Miriam Willis, of Dallas, Tex., career missionary reassigned from Paraguay to Gaza for two years.

They will be leaving the States almost immediately, along with two nurses assigned to Gaza during the Board's December meeting, Mrs. Walter M. Turner, of Pitkin, La., and Miss Bertha Jane Marshall, of Evansville, Ind. Mrs. Turner was employed for a four-year term as a missionary associate. Miss Marshall, a career missionary, was transferred from Japan to India and was asked to spend 18 months in Gaza before taking up her responsibilities in India, where a hospital is to be erected.

Southern Baptists have maintained a hospital in Gaza since 1954. It was damaged slightly during the June fighting (\$3,000 was appropriated by the Board for repairs), but the main problem facing the hospital since the war has been the personnel shortage.

Rev. James W. Smith, missionary to Israel, is conducting the English-language services of the Baptist church in Gaza (now better attended than ever, says Dr. Hughey) and handling some of the other duties formerly carried by the missionary chaplain of the hospital, who is on furlough in the States. Mr. Smith and his family spend part of their time in Gaza and part in nearby Ashkelon, Israel.

"The Baptist witness—the only evangelical witness in Gaza—continues," Dr. Hughey said. "This is cause for thanksgiving and renewed dedication. Merrill D. Moore, Jr., missionary doctor, recently wrote: 'The work of the Lord in Gaza is not in shambles. There are scars of war on the church building and on

the lives of many. At the same time there is a new horizon and new hope for the future.'"

Commitments Compared

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, compared figures on U. S. Roman Catholics engaged in mission work overseas, Peace Corpsmen, and Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

As of January, 1967, Dr. Means said, U. S. Catholic overseas personnel totaled about 9,500, of whom 5,369 were in Latin America (according to a report of the U. S. Bishops' Committee for Latin America, National Conference of Catholic Bishops). As of November 15, 12,325 Peace Corpsmen were at work in 58 countries, including 4,318 assigned to Latin America, the longest contingent to any distinctively separate part of the world.

As of January 11, 1968, Southern Baptists had 2,276 career missionaries, missionary associates, and missionary journeymen. Of these, 785 serve in the 23 Missions in Latin America. Dr. Means reported that in 1967 no new missionaries were appointed to 11 of these Missions: the Bahamas, Bermuda, Equatorial Brazil, North Brazil, the Dominican Republic, the French West Indies, Jamaica, Chile, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Venezuela.

"Those of us concerned for Latin America face 1968 with the earnest hope that Missions too long neglected can receive reinforcements and that the level of personnel for the entire area will experience a gratifying degree of growth," he said.

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, declared this a day of "unprecedented missionary opportunity" as he summarized the developments of 1967 in Southern Baptist mission work in the Orient and looked ahead to the coming year.

During its January meeting the Board allocated nearly \$300,000 for its work around the world. Among the more interesting items were \$10,000 to provide a residence for the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Botswana (Rev. and Mrs. Marvin R. Reynolds, of Little Rock, Ark., scheduled to leave the States in January); \$22,000 for the publication of a Chinese-language hymnal by Baptist Press in Hong Kong; \$15,000 for three radio-television workshops in Latin America this year.

REA Meet Planned

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religious education. Other officers of the association are: Paul H. Harell, Jackson, vice-president; Miss Clarice Mooney, Clinton, secretary; Rev. Billy Nimmons, Starkville, chorister and W. Mark Moore, Jackson, pianist.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday and close at noon Saturday.

Billy Graham

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type messages are scheduled, not including the reports from the agencies.

Joel Murphy, pastor of the Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston, S. C., is scheduled to bring a major address on Friday morning, June 7.

Theme for the four-day convention will be "Good News For Today's World," with sub-themes for each session carrying out the "Good News" theme.

Meet These Personalities At The State Evangelistic Conference

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly

Pass Christian — Feb. 5-7

THEME: "A Redeeming Ministry"

Monday Evening

"The Mission of the Church"

7:00—Song Service
7:15—A Word of Testimony—Miss Joan Myers
7:30—Announcements and program personalities
7:45—"The Witness of a Ministering Church"—Gordon Clinard
8:15—Song and Special Music
8:30—Message—Carl Bates

Tuesday Morning

"The Ministry of the Church"

9:30—Song Service
9:45—Bible Study—Leo Green
10:15—"The New Birth"—W. D. Laws
10:45—Song
10:50—"After they are won to Christ"—James Frost
11:20—Song
Special Music
11:30—Christ, the Only Hope—Joe Underwood
12:00—Adjourn

Tuesday Afternoon

"Ministering in the 1969 Crusade of the Americas"



Miss Joan Myers
"Miss Mississippi"
To Give Testimony

1:30—Song Service
1:45—Bible Study—Leo Green
2:15—Song
2:20—"The Crusade of the Americas"—W. D. Laws
2:50—Song
Special Music
3:00—"The Urgency of the Hour"—Gordon Clinard
3:30—Adjourn

Tuesday Evening

"The Master and the Church"

7:00—Song Service
7:15—Bible Study—Leo Green
7:45—Song
7:50—"The Master and Evangelism"—Larry Rohrman
8:20—Song
Special Music
8:30—The Message, "The Lordship of Christ"—Carl Bates
9:10—Adjourn

Wednesday Morning

"The Ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Church"

8:45—Sing!
9:00—Bible Study—Leo Green
9:30—"The Holy Spirit and The Crusade of the Americas"—Joe Underwood
10:00—Song
Special Music
10:15—"The Holy Spirit and the Christian"—Carl Bates
11:00—Adjourn

Clergy Faces Questions About S. S.

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member of a religious order?

Answer: No.

Question: What does the law mean by opposition by reason of conscience or religious principles?

Answer: As far as we know the regulations defining these terms have not yet been spelled out. We can be sure, however, that financial reasons or political reasons will not be accepted as conscience or religious reasons. If a person is simply disgruntled at the government, or if he thinks he has a better insurance or old age plan, or if he thinks he cannot afford to pay, he cannot thereby claim that he is a conscientious objector.

Question: When does the new law take effect for clergy members?

Answer: January, 1968.

Question: When does the clergyman have to pay?

Answer: He should file an application for exemption at the time he pays his income taxes.

Question: When should a clergyman file a claim for exemption on the ground of conscience or religious principles?

Answer: The Internal Revenue Service probably will have forms to fill out and application blanks available on or before April 15, 1968. Those serving as ministers in 1968 or before have until April 15, 1970 to obtain exclusion from Social Security. Those beginning their ministerial duties in 1969 or later have two years to file for their exemption.

Question: If a minister is now participating in Social Security, can he withdraw on the grounds of conscience or religious principles?

Answer: No. If he is conscientiously opposed, why does he now participate?

Question: Will the churches be expected to pay one-half of the minister's Social Security tax as it does for other employees?

Answer: No. The church is not involved with the minister's coverage. Congress has placed him in the special category of "self-employed." He has to pay his own taxes. Of course, there could be no objection to a raise in salary for the minister to help him bear this additional expense.

Question: What effect does the new law have on the minister who is now a participant in Social Security?

Answer: None, except it rules him out as a conscientious objector.

Question: If a minister waives Social Security coverage on grounds of conscience or religious principles, can he later change his mind and elect to be covered?

Exemption Irrevocable

Answer: No. The law plainly states that such an exemption shall be irrevocable.

Question: What authority do you have to give all these an-

swers to questions about the minister and social security?

Answer: No authority whatsoever. If you want official, authoritative answers to your questions, you will have to get them from the Internal Revenue Service.

Question: What advice do you have for a minister who is considering non-participation in Social Security on the grounds of conscience or religious principles?

Answer: First, make sure that his objections are really

on those grounds. At present the field of conscientious objection to Social Security is occupied by a very limited minority such as the Amish and a few others. Conscientious objection to Social Security may be hard to prove by a person who is not a genuine conscientious objector to military service or to other government benefits.

Remember, too, that once a minister signs himself as a conscientious objector to Social Security, he rules him-

self out of other government benefits for citizens such as medical care and possibly a wide range of other benefits.

Before signing as a conscientious objector to Social Security, get good legal advice and consult with the brethren about the real meaning of conscientious objection.

If a minister is a genuine conscientious objector and his religious principles are violated by participation in Social Security, he should not hesitate to ask for exemption.

Buchanan leaves a pastorate at Heights Baptist Church in Albuquerque, N. M., to become pastor-director in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Shelbiana, Ky., was appointed director of mountain missions for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick will be missionaries to the Indians in Cubero, N. M., coming from Gaffney, S. C., where he was pastor of Camp's Creek Baptist Church.

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State Growth Continues

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Sunday school enrollment was 320,560 in 1967 to 324,647, a decrease of 4,087.

Training Union enrollment

in 1967 was 138,932, a slight decrease of 24 under the 139,956 reported in 1966.

The 1967 figures were taken from the associational summaries and differ slightly in some cases from the audited statistics compiled by the Research and Statistics

Department of the Sunday School Board, and released at a later date.

Those 1967 figures will appear in the forthcoming Mississippi Baptist Convention annual.

Shown below is a table giving all figures:

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Comparative Church Statistics 1966-1967

	1966	1967	Increase	% Increase	% Decrease
Baptisms	15,927	16,359	432	2.7%	
Baptism Ratio	31.84	31.50		(.34%)	(1.1%)
Additions by Letter	25,736	24,857		(879)	(3.4%)
Total Membership	507,040	515,270	8,230	1.6%	
Number of Churches	1,866	1,900	34	1.8%	
Missions Operated	61	89	28	45.9%	
Pastor's Annual Salary	\$6,186,171	\$6,482,332	296,161	4.7%	
Value of Church Property	\$140,631,606	\$152,522,278	\$11,890,672	8.5%	
Protection Plan	732	770	38	5.1%	
R. A. Enrollment	7,557	7,355		(202)	(2.7%)
Brotherhood Enrollment	13,913	13,347		(566)	(4.1%)
W. M. U. Enrollment	58,980	59,365	385	0.7%	
Sunday School Enrollment	324,647	320,560		(4,087)	(1.3%)
Training Union Enrollment	138,956	138,932		(24)	(.02%)
Music Ministry Enrollment	47,106	55,240	8,134	17.3%	
Number of Tithers	65,782	65,059		(723)	(1.1%)
No. Ordained for Ministry	99	87		(12)	(12.1%)
Cooperative Program	\$3,186,198	\$3,372,853	\$186,655	5.9%	
Cooperative Program % Total Gifts	10.67	10.52		(.15)	(1.4%)
Total Mission Gifts	\$5,150,324	\$5,609,435	\$459,111	8.9%	
Total Receipts All Purpose	\$29,858,291	\$31,978,079	\$2,119,788	7.1%	
Per Capita Total Receipts	58.89	62.06	3.17	5.4%	

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Action Needed!

A summary of Mississippi Baptist work for the associational year 1966-67 (ending Sept. 30, 1967), as compiled from the associational letters, is reported in this issue of the Record.

In many ways the report is encouraging, but in other ways it should bring concern, and cause immediate, determined action.

There has been growth in the number of churches, in total membership, in baptisms, in church finances, and in mission gifts. The increase in baptisms is especially gratifying and should continue in 1968 and 1969, as emphasis is given to the Crusade of the Americas. Increases in mission giving always bring rejoicing, and total stewardship gains in the churches also are good to see.

Enrollment Losses

However, in three of the five basic church organizational programs there were losses in enrollment, some of them for the second or third year straight. The Sunday School, the Training Union and the Brotherhood all showed slight enrollment losses for the year. The WMU made a slight gain, reversing the loss shown last year, and the Music Departments continued the gains which have been made each year for several years.

The losses are not large, and hardly can be called alarming. However, they do demand serious consideration, and should call for immediate action in order to reverse them. They have continued at a "leveled out" condition too long to ignore.

This is not a situation peculiar to Mississippi, since many Southern Baptist state conventions showed similar losses last year, and may show them again when the reports are available. The enormous Southern Baptist gains of a few years ago, have leveled out, and even the whole convention showed losses in some areas last year. Furthermore, Southern Baptists are not alone in this since some other major denominations show losses in their latest reports. It appears to be a "trend of the times."

"Trend" Not Inevitable

We do not believe, however, that Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists should accept it as an inevitable "trend," and make no effort to do something about it.

In the business world, when profits or sales dip,

officials usually go into emergency action, seeking to find the trouble, and to adopt programs and set up plans which will reverse the trend. Churches and denominations can do that too, and Southern Baptists, at all levels, church, state, and SBC, should be acting now.

Southern Baptist leaders are acting. The problems are being discussed in almost every denominational meeting, and already plans have been developed for coming years seeking to bring new growth, and more extended witness for the churches and the denomination.

State leaders, too, are concerned, and are carefully facing the problems, and seeking answers to them.

Solution In Churches

Final solution, however, as in all problems of Southern Baptists, must be in the local church. Unless the churches themselves, with their pastors and their people, become concerned about this lack of growth, and take positive action to change it, no advance will come. If the churches do not begin to grow, the denomination as a whole will make no progress.

Some churches are facing the problems realistically, and already are beginning to take action. To our desk this morning comes a folder announcing a "Sunday School Enlargement Campaign" in one of our strong "county seat" churches, with one of Southern Baptist best retired SBC Sunday school leaders as the director. Such programs brought new growth in past years, and we believe they will bring it again, when faithfully used.

Southern Baptists do not need a lot of "new" methods. All we need to do is take the things we already know, and plans we already have developed, and apply them to today's needs. Perhaps they need some adaptation to this modern day, but basically the principles are the same. All that is needed now is to once more to begin to use them with earnestness and enthusiasm. It will take planning, promotion, and hard work, but the results will be glorious.

There still are plenty of people to be reached, and in most communities more than ever before.

There still are many church members unenlisted in the organizations. Even reaching them could change the growth trends.

Most churches have adequate buildings and equipment for caring far more people than they presently are reaching.

SB Methods Will Work

Southern Baptists methods and "know how" will reach people. The churches which are continuing to grow are using them. Some other denominational groups have taken Southern Baptist methods, and are reaching people now in the same way our churches used to reach them.

Even in this day of "new" things, the basic principles for reaching people and building churches still are the same: prayer, a Bible centered, church centered program, evangelistic and missionary concern,

finding the people through census or other means, visitation, provision of space, giving a warm welcome, teaching the Word of God, and meeting spiritual need. Do these things diligently and faithfully in any church, and there will be growth.

The year 1968 should be the year when the lines on the report charts all turn upward. They will do so only if there is action now in the churches.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Conviction And Evangelism

By Terry Young, Editor

The California Southern Baptist

What we do about evangelism depends upon some basic underlying convictions. Do we believe in the reality of sin and its seriousness? Do we believe that men are lost because of their sinfulness and need to be saved? Do we believe that the lost will spend eternity in hell? Do we believe that repentance and faith in Jesus as Saviour is the only way men can be saved? Our answers to these questions will determine what we do about evangelism. Our activity in evangelism will be a reflection of the strength of these convictions. Obviously, if we do not believe that men are sinful and lost and on the way to eternal torment we will not exhibit much effort to save them.

Many groups in Christendom no longer have a serious view of sin. They no longer believe that men are lost and need conversion. They do not accept the reality of hell. They are universalists, believing that all people will finally be saved. With such weakened views as these, there is no longer any need to attempt to lead men to salvation. There is no urgency for spreading the gospel. Perhaps these watered down convictions of others have lessened our own convictions. This may well account for our ineffectiveness in evangelism. When it takes almost 30 Southern Baptists a whole year to win just one convert, it is fairly obvious that our convictions about the lostness of men are pretty shallow.

Perhaps we have been wrong in assuming that our Baptist people generally have strong convictions in this vital area of doctrine. If we would lead our people to greater involvement in witnessing and the work of evangelism we must help them develop stronger convictions as a basis for evangelism. The Bible has a serious view of sin—"the soul that sinneth, it must die." It emphasizes that the lost are doomed to hell—"depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." It says of Christ, "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him." Jesus said, "for the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." If we do not strongly believe these things, we will not do much about evangelism. Strong doctrinal convictions are a necessary foundation for evangelism.



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

A code of ethics may not be enough. A new code of ethics adopted by the auto insurance industry has not cooled the zeal of Congressional investigators for reform. The code condemns discrimination against Negroes and such other abuses as canceling policies without good cause. Senate Commerce Committee chairman Warren Magnuson argues the code itself is proof that serious problems exist. (Newsweek, December 11, 1967)

Nearly 140,000,000 or 95% of all people 12 years of age and older, listen to radio during the course of a week. (Variety, December 6, 1967)

80 per cent of the eligible people in the United States have used or are using birth control information according to the president of Planned Parenthood - World Population. The president, Dr. Alan F. Guttmacher, says Roman Catholic opposition to many types of birth control "doesn't have much influence on American Catholics. Statistics show that more than 50 per cent of American Catholic women practice some type of birth control." (New York Post, November 15, 1967)

Illiteracy is directly related to the world hunger problem, a grim companion to lagging agricultural production. Speaking recently to the International Congress of Farm Writers in Montreal, Charles Weitz, a specialist in world food production, put it this way: "Over this next critical quarter-century we will be called upon to cope not only with more hungry people but with more untutored ones as well. We underestimate the inherent menace of such a situation at our own peril. I, for one, can imagine no more dangerous combination than hunger wedded to ignorance." Experts estimate that there are today 200 million more illiterates on the planet Earth than there were five years ago. (Saturday Review, December 30, 1967)

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

January 29—Mrs. J. H. Street, staff, Clarke College; Charles Fike, George Co. associational Sunday school supt.

January 30—Mrs. Edna Branton, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Lucille Robertson, medical - surgical instructor, Gilroy School of Nursing.

January 31—Bob N. Ramsay, first vice-president, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Leland Speed, trustee, Baptist Hospital.

February 1—Johnnie Armstrong, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Owen Cooper, vice-president, Mississippi WMU.

February 2—Evelyn Keyes, Baptist Building; Becky McBride, Baptist Building.

February 3—A. O. Geistler, Jr., Alcorn associational Training Union director; Richard Pass, Adams-Union supt. of missions.

February 4—Mrs. Jackie Aultman, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Hilda Jane Ables, Baptist Book Store.

Patience is of all virtues the most difficult.

He never fears the face of men who knows the face of God.

Take the miser out of miserable and all that remains is able.

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THE END

By Dr. Charles Myers

We are building a new church building and the finest materials and workmanship are going into it. The steel and concrete being used leave no doubt but that the structure will stand for a long time. One of the workmen recently asked the Pastor why they were going to all that expense if they really believed that the world would not last too long. The Pastor replied, "We do not know when Christ will return. He may come next week or it may be a thousand years. But whenever He comes back, we plan to still be in business."

Most people agree that this world is not going to last forever. Those of us who accept the teachings of the Christian religion agree that Christ will return and this world as we know it shall be destroyed. The fact that we do not know just when that time will be has caused a great deal of speculation. There are those who have tried to figure out the exact date. They interpret every event that comes along as another sign that the end is near. Some, in times past, have even sold all their possessions in order to be ready for the end. At the other extreme are those who completely ignore the end and talk as though they would live forever. As is true in every area, when one goes to an extreme in either direction, he is usually wrong.

The sensible thing to do is accept the fact that this physical life is limited. Whether ends with the sudden return of Jesus or with the death of the individual, this life will come to an end. And no man knows when that end will come. It may be tomorrow or he may live his full fourscore and ten. But even if he should exceed a hundred years, he still cannot escape the end of life.

Since life is limited and man does not know when the end will come, what should his attitude be? The Bible tells us there are two things we should do. First, we should be prepared for the end. No one is going to tell us just before that time comes. We need to be ready all the time. Then if the end comes tomorrow or is delayed a long



The Baptist Forum

MESSAGE ON "AWAKENING" IN CHINA

Dear Dr. Odle:

I heard in November Dr. Charles L. Culpepper's message on THE GREAT AWAKENING in China in 1930-32. This powerful address is

time, it will not matter. To prepare for the end a man gets right in his relation with God. He confesses his sin, repents, and accepts Christ as a personal Saviour. Having had this experience he is now ready to meet God whenever God calls.

Then the Bible tells us to plan our lives and live them as if we were going to live a full length of time. If it is cut short, it will not matter. If we live it out completely, it will be as we planned. There should be no anxiety about the end coming. With the anxiety gone, one can live a better life with peace of heart and mind. He can accomplish all he has the ability to accomplish. He can contribute as much to society as his potential allows. And when the end comes he can move on to a fuller and richer life prepared for him by God. And when one stops to think about it, this is really all any man could ask for.

available on tape at the Tape Ministry Supply, Box 157, Bath, Illinois. The message on the first chapter of Ephesians and the one on the revival are on the same tape. The price is \$3.00.

I do not know a more helpful, stirring sermon to prepare for the CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS than these Spirit-inspired messages. Please let our people know they are available.

Dr. Culpepper, as you know, was president of our Baptist Taiwan Seminary; he is now retired, at 607 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78216. He has EXPERIENCED revival the real quickening of God in China. God is using him now in a mighty way in America.

I have a few copies of THE SHANTUNG REVIVAL, which are such wonderful help in preparation for the CRUSADE of these two years... not theory, but the actual MOVING and manifestation of God among men. That is what we must have if our beloved land is saved and revived... His QUICKENING.

Mrs. Rosalee M. Appleby
Canton, Mississippi

If you think the world is all wrong remember it contains people like you.

Newest In Books

THE WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA, 20 Volumes (Field Enterprises Educational Corporation.)

There are several splendid encyclopedias on the American market. The largest selling of them all, according to the publishers, is THE WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA, which observed its 50th anniversary of publication in 1967, and which publishes new revised editions each year. The 1968 edition now is available. This authoritative set includes the work of more than 2,700 distinguished writers in every field of knowledge. It is comprehensive in that it gives a broad, yet detailed view, of the whole field of man's knowledge. At the same time it is written so that the elementary or high school student, those in college, and even the advanced scholar all will find rich resource material readily available. There are thousands of beautiful color illustrations, maps and charts, and even more thousands of black and white photographs. The material is organized for ease of use, with cross references, study aids, etc. The set is attractively printed and beautifully bound. Companion products which are designed for use either separately or with the encyclopedia, include CHILDCRAFT, a set prepared for the educational training of the younger child; the WORLD BOOK DICTIONARY; the WORLD BOOK ATLAS; and the CYCLOTEACHER LEARNING AID. This latter is an instrument for home teaching of more than 200 topics in six areas of learning. World Book Educational materials, which are advertised in this issue of the Baptist Record, are sold only through authorized company representatives.

THESE LIVE ON edited by Clyde H. Dennis (Good News Publishers, One Evening Condensed Book, paperback, 64 pp., 50 cents)

A compilation of actual experiences of men who fought in World War II, who were "witnesses to the presence of God and the saving and keeping power of Christ in the greatest war this earth has seen."

MUD ON MY BOOTS by Nadyne Ricks (Good News Publishers, a One Evening Condensed Book, paperback, 63 pp., 50 cents)

The story of missionary teaching in remote Liberian villages.

HOW TO GIVE A DEVOTION — WITH SUGGESTED OUTLINES by Muriel Larson (Baker, 107 pp., \$2.50)

Subjects covered include the value of devotions; ideas for devotions; effective speaking; preparation and planning for devotional services.

PSYCHOLOGY AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT by John D. Frame, M.D. Moody, 191 pp., \$3.95

Case studies in emotional problems and their implications for the Christian life.

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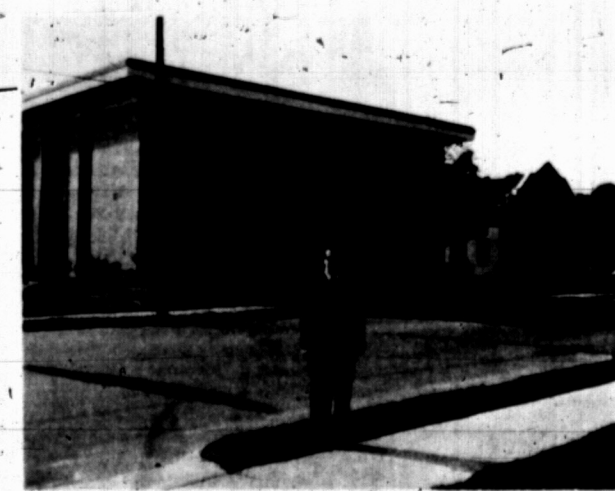
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FIRST CHURCH, Long Beach, Rev. Conie Ward, pastor, used "Growth In Christian Stewardship" in October, 1967. The Demonstration Day offering was \$2,318.48, some \$800.00 over the yearly average. Total offerings for October-December, 1967, amounted to \$29,929.80, an increase of \$9,377.32 over the same quarter of 1966. "Many other comments could be made, but perhaps the best way to describe the results would be that God used it within our congregation to make us more of what a New Testament Church ought to be", Mr. Ward, seen standing in front of church, said.

"Good News For Modern Man"

"Good News for Modern Man" is the theme selected for Mississippi College's Religious Emphasis Week scheduled for February 5-9 according to Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious affairs on campus.

Pulitzer Newsman Set At Baylor

WACO, Tex. (BP) — Hodding Carter, 60, Pulitzer Prize winning editor, will be a featured lecturer during the spring semester at Baylor University (Baptist) here.

Carter gained national attention in Greenville, Miss., where he was owner and editor of the Delta Democrat-Times from 1938.

Dr. Claude Rhea, outstanding Southern Baptist tenor, currently a music consultant with the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., will give a full concert to officially open the week during 9:30 a.m. Chapel services on Monday, Feb. 5.

A former chairman of the Department of Music at the New Orleans Seminary and recognized as one of the top soloists in the denomination, Dr. Rhea has performed at numerous meetings and religious gatherings throughout the world.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, Robert Short, author of the popular book, "The Gospel According to Peanuts," will visit the campus and remain till Friday. He will present five animated cartoon programs dealing with religious topics.

Mr. Short, known throughout the United States for his different, but influential, approach to modern Christianity, has visited campuses and given lectures all over the country.

Intermingled between the two guest personalities will be special music and drama presentations. "Good News," a choral program, will be presented by the 100-voice Baptist Student Union Vesper and Hour of Power Choirs under the direction of Ray Pople of Memphis, Tenn.

A drama entitled "Christ in the Concrete City" will be presented under the directorship of Miss Gail Cope of Chipley, Fla. The play deals with the relativity of Christ in today's world.

Serving as general co-chairmen for the special week are Suzan Bailey of Atlanta, Ga., and Steve Brown of Belzoni.



ON TO SWITZERLAND! The Baylor University Golden Wave Band spells out the initials of the Baptist Youth World Conference to be held in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968. Fifty members of the band will accompany the 1,000 voice Conference choir. (BP) Photo

Today's Youth New Radio Series Designed For Students

A new radio series called OMNISCOPE will be released February 1, by Radio and Television Commission in an effort to attract the potential audience of at least two million students at American colleges and universities.

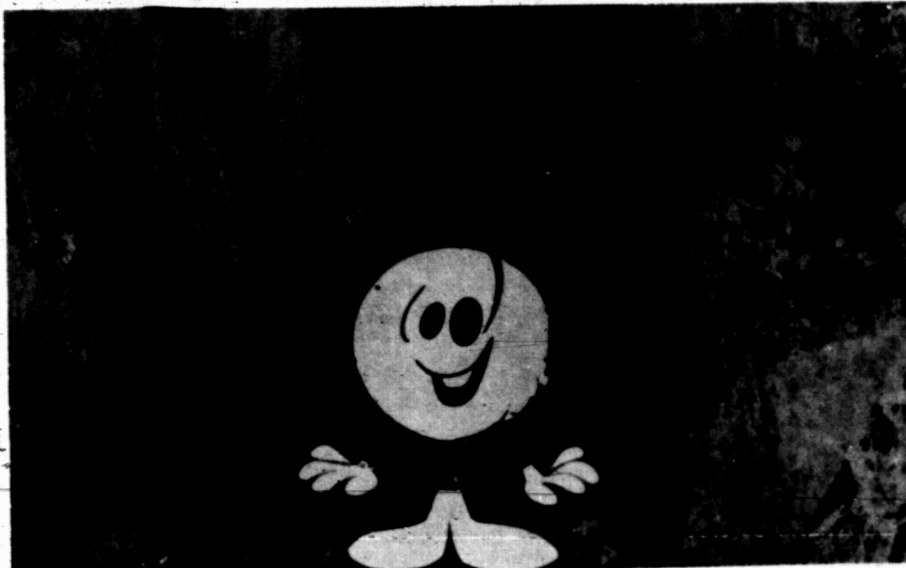
The new series is custom-designed for the campus audience. Program directors can use the material as a single 30-minute program or use the three phases separately.

A network type operation will permit participating stations to submit their own original material to be used along with that produced by the Radio and Television Commission.

Future programs will feature Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass, the Serendipity Singers, the Tunesclippers, and the Covenant Players, the latter being a professional religious drama group. Students from

across the nation will participate in roundtable discussions and panels, and Dr. William M. Pinson, Jr., professor of Christian Ethics at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, will present a dynamic and contemporary Christ.

Correlators and co-hosts of OMNISCOPE are Ron Harris and Linda Francis. Harris is a senior radio and television major at Texas Christian University who works part-time at a local FM radio station as well with campus radio and educational television.



The JOT series is 4 1/2 minutes of color animation designed to entertain children 5 to 10 years of age. JOT is produced by Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission.

TV COMMISSION INTRODUCES "JOT," NEW CARTOON SERIES FOR CHILDREN

Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission will enter a new area of television ministry in January when JOT, a 4 1/2-minute, animated, color cartoon series for children, is released on a limited basis.

The first series of 13 JOT "spots" will be aired by 15 southeastern stations, with budget limitations prohibiting more extensive coverage at this time.

Letter response is expected to total as much as 3,000 letters weekly as young viewers are invited to write to the Commission for a free "surprise." Experimental showings have already resulted in a backlog of letters from children requesting the "surprise," even though they were instructed not to write.

The "surprise" offered will consist of an illustrated story of how JOT came into being, a letter to parents explaining JOT's purpose, and a JOT button to wear. Respondents will also be invited to return a special form for a second "surprise," which will be another JOT story and a JOT Bible verse game.

JOT cannot be described as either a boy or a girl, but rather is an appealing animated dot who bounces, rolls, stretches, or sprouts arms and legs as he romps across the television screen.

Each JOT cartoon embodies the teaching of a Bible verse in a format and a language that effectively communicates with children from about 3 to 10 years of age.

Older children and parents as well will likely be captivated by the series and the ingenious packaging of Biblical truth inherent in it.

A JOT cartoon visualizes what one "feels like" inside when he has violated his real value system and again when his thoughts and actions are brought into harmony with those standards. Spiritual lessons, such as confessing wrong-doing and trusting in God, are skillfully blended with humor, and the result is a highly entertaining cartoon series with "built-in preaching."

For instance, in "The Cupcake," the first of the series, JOT takes a cupcake and lies about it. His false words taunt him until he tells the truth and asks his mother's forgiveness.

Other titles include "The Thing," "Dirty Hands," "The Baseball Game," "Jot's Nightmare," "The Birthday Party," "A Library Visit," "The Sunday School Story," "The Playground Episode," "The Paint Incident," "The Creation Story," "Noah and the Flood," and "The Building Project."

Watch for announcement of JOT in your local station listings.

TRAVEL LIMITS NOT TO AFFECT BYWC

WASHINGTON (BP) — The threat of restrictions on travel of United States citizens to Europe has not interrupted plans for the seventh Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968.

President Lyndon B. Johnson proposed on Jan. 1 that Americans be encouraged to stay at home the next two years in order to curtail a drain of dollars from the country.

Questions immediately poured into the Baptist World Alliance office here. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Alliance and director of youth work, studied the President's statements and talked at length with government officials.

"I am convinced," Denny said, "that the president thinks too highly of experiential learning to discourage young people from attending an international meeting like the Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne."

He added that he believed Congressmen, who may be asked to enact restrictive

travel legislation, are fully aware that American youth are trained as international citizens if they are to take their places in building a better world. To do this, they must be exposed to fellow students from other parts of the world.

An estimated 6,000 youth from more than 60 countries are expected to attend the international Baptist meeting in Berne. Approximately 3,000 of the total expected will probably come from North America, Denny said.

The Baptist World Alliance official said that he has no objection to a tax, or even a ban, on purchases by American tourists overseas, but he believes a ban on travel for learning would be "seriously self-defeating."

"Our age has presented us with an opportunity to get to know our neighbors on this planet," Denny said. "We need to encourage our youth to travel and to learn from people and experiences, rather than restrict their learning to provincial boundaries."



EXPLORING THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE — Student delegates to the National Youth Conference on the Atom look on as a scientist at the Atomic Energy Commission's Argonne National Laboratory conducts an experiment. The 3-day gathering in Chicago explored peaceful promise of the atom. The conference, sponsored by the nation's investor-owned electric utility industry, annually brings together some 700 of the nation's outstanding high school science students and their teachers. The great majority (over 85%) of these future scientists attend church regularly and are active in a variety of church affairs. They see no conflict between their scientific endeavors and their religious faith.

IN INDIA

Missionaries' Son, 17, Preaches His First Sermon

By Lisette Bethea
Missionary To India

BANGALORE, India—On a recent Sunday afternoon members of the fledgling church of which we are part went out for the customary street preaching in the crowded neighborhood of Bangalore near the congregation's rented meeting place.

The only two open areas among the thatched-roofed huts were occupied by groups of gamblers. They did not bother to return our hand signs of salaam (peace) and greeting or seem to notice the compelling appeal of Indian gospel tunes. The church had asked Mac,

our 17-year-old second son, to preach his first sermon. He had prayed for the right message, and he hammered out the words of salvation in a voice that needed no amplifying.

Edward Joshua, a young Indian school teacher, interpreted into the Telugu language. A crowd gathered, and Mac proclaimed Christ to this difficult audience.

"Christ knew the Scriptures; he had read them time and again," Mac began. Quoting many Old Testament verses, he said that Jesus knew the danger that awaited him and yet went forward undaunted.

He told of Christ's suffering and death:

"Step by step, he went on for us. All the way to the awful skull-hill, Calvary. There, a crown of thorns on his six beloved sons in his pressing deep in his brow. Muscles straining, stretching from the crosspiece of the timbers. Oh, those hands so torn!"

"He twisted on those nails to look at the burglar hanging beside him who had just repented, and, through tormented yet smiling lips, he said—as he says to each who comes to him—'I will see you in paradise.'"

"Look back to that last awful yet victorious moment. Father, it is finished. Gaze on the lifeless form which had been tormented and mocked. See Christ on Calvary and ask yourself, Why? Why?"

"Here's the answer: for you and me. 'But don't leave Christ on Calvary. Come to the beautiful garden with Mary and find him arisen. Arisen to be with us, a living Saviour. Arisen to say, 'I want to see you in paradise.'"

We are grateful God is using this ended Mac's sermon. Our six beloved sons in his service.



AT ROME CHURCH, Junior I Boys' Class with their teacher, Jerry Grissom, enjoy visiting one of their senior church members, G. C. McGee of Rome. From left to right, the boys are Allen Fullilove, Gay Legg, Tommy Pittman, Jackie Walls, Jeff Walls, Dale Fulton, and Mike Waldrup. The delivered "Christmas goodies" are on the table. Rev. Kenneth Leach is pastor.



REV. H. S. ROGERS, left pastor, is shown receiving the keys to the "little yellow bus" from Mr. Grover Shoemaker, instructor in the paint and body shop at East Central Junior College, Decatur. Shown also are Mr. William Bowman, instructor in auto mechanics school, and the crew of students who restored the bus.

THE LITTLE, YELLOW BUS

Rags To Riches In Service

The little, yellow bus sat unused and decaying. She had memories of happier days. Once the sounds of laughing and shouting children had filled her. The daily trips over mud and gravel roads, to and from school, had been a pleasure, but time and mileage had taken their toll. Longer and sleeker models had taken her place. Now she belonged to a new owner. Though he did his best, she missed the work she was designed to do. Her wheels were gone and she rested upon concrete blocks. Talk was heard that she would be converted to a hunting and fishing bus, meanwhile, she served as storage for onions and potatoes. Her paint faded and peeling, her seats removed, and her engine quiet, she could only wait.

Roy Honeycutt, owner of the little bus and Honeycutt Acres, near Grenada, Miss., thought she ought to be useful somewhere. He offered her to the local church but they turned her down. Then one day, Rev. H. S. Rogers, a former pastor of Honeycutt's,

He would replace the wheels came to visit, and there he saw the little bus. Mr. Roy, as his men like to call him, offered her to the preacher, and tires, overhaul the engine and install a new clutch.

Back at Beacon Street Church in Philadelphia, Miss., the congregation listened as pastor Rogers described what he had found. They listened and voted to underwrite the cost of repairing the little bus for use in the youth program. Then! A miracle! From across the state came offers to help a little bit.

A call to Mr. Roy was enough; his men began work toward preparing the little, yellow bus for the trip to Philadelphia. Crops were to be gathered, but somehow time was found, and soon she was ready to go. As she rolled out the gate, with the preacher at the wheel, some said that she seemed to sing.

A call to East Central Junior College resulted in an offer. "Bring us the little yellow bus and we will provide the knowledge, the skills, and the labor to restore her to operation."



JAN SUMRALL has received a free trip to Glorieta Assembly for this summer from First Church, Carriere. She is the first of four young people who will receive trips to Glorieta this summer for outstanding work in the Lord's service, states Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, pastor. The church places in the budget the amount of five hundred dollars each year to send four young people to Glorieta or Ridgecrest, for their outstanding work during the church year.

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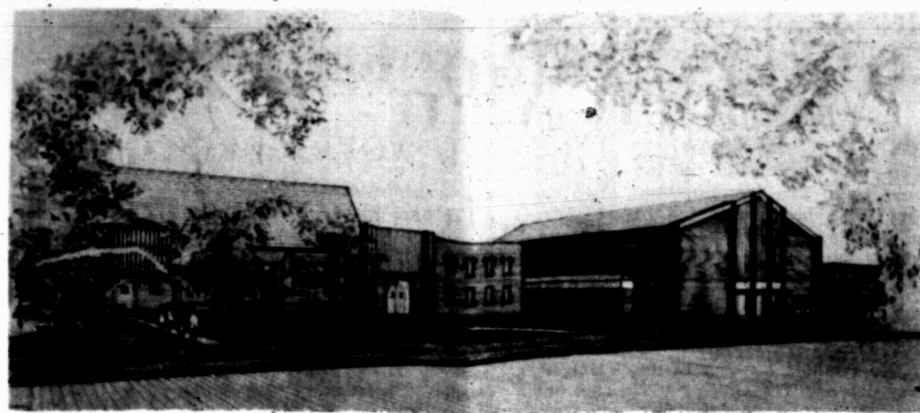
Accreditation

LOUISVILLE (BP) — The School of Church Music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has been granted associate membership in the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

Recommendation for membership was made by the Commission on Graduate Studies of the music school accreditation agency after two of its members conducted a detailed examination of the school's academic and performance programs.

In its official report on the seminary the panel commended the high caliber of faculty, students, curriculum and library resources at the seminary here.

Dean Forrest Heeren of the seminary's School of Church Music said the new accreditation, which applies to both the masters and doctors degrees, will permit a more flexible curriculum and a wider exchange of credits with other institutions.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of Parkview, Greenville's new sanctuary, now under construction.

Parkview To Construct New Sanctuary

Parkview Church, Greenville, on Friday, January 5, signed contracts to begin construction of a new \$265,000 sanctuary, to be the connecting link between the existing two buildings.

The basic concept of the building design dates to the ancient church basilica. The execution is a modern interpretation of this architecture. I will seat 625.

Use of high laminated arches, brick and stripped stained woods, with indirect



LEADERS IN BUILDING PLANS at Parkview, Greenville. Seated left to right: W. A. Watts, general chairman; Joe N. Wellenman, AIA architect; John Davis, chairman of deacons. Standing left to right: Rev. R. W. Dorsey, pastor; Rev. J. D. Lundy, Supt., Washington County Missions.

lighting, will be combined with tall, narrow windows.

In conjunction with WABG-TV Channel 6 in Greenville, the church has been designed to televise the morning worship hour. Broadcasting should begin within a month of the completion of the building.

Achieving more realistic worship participation by the congregation in the ordinances of the church has

brought the positioning of the baptistry down to an area in front of the choir.

Joe N. Wellenman is the architect.

The building is to be completed this year. The Building Committee chairmen are: Bill Watts, General Chairman; Bob Fulmer, Construction; John Black, Finance; Jim Derryberry, Furnishings; Jack Edmiston, Instruments. Rev. R. W. Dorsey is pastor.

Woman's Missionary Union

Home Mission Graded Series

"The New South" is the theme for the Home Mission Graded Series for this year. If plans for this study in your church have not been made, you'll want to do so right away.

Dr. W. C. Fields is the author of the book which adults will study, *Trumpets in Dixie*. This study deals with changes affecting even the most remote parts of the South which presents a challenge to Southern Baptists today.

A Tide Comes In, for YWA, tells about the South that was — and never was, the South that is, and about Southern Baptists at work in a changing South.

Intermediates will learn how Southern Baptists are meeting the problems of the new South as they study *Bulldozer Revolution*. Juniors will study *Scott's New World* and Sunbeams will read *The Come-and-Go Village*.

A teacher's guide is available for each of these books along with other teaching aids.

New Book About Mississippian

The story of Gladys Keith, native of Kilmichael, is now available at the Baptist Book Store for 75c.

During the 24 years Miss Keith was a missionary of the Home Mission Board she made friends with delinquent teenagers. Started clubs and workshops for boys and girls and taught the Bible to men and women who did not feel at home in churches of the community. In *Light on the Riverfront* the author has told Miss Keith's story with enthusiasm and vigor appreciative of both her subject and her intended reader.

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The Little Yellow Bus

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erational condition. Grover Shoemaker, instructor in the paint and body school, joined hands with William Bowman, instructor in the automotive mechanics school. The little bus soon won a place in the hearts of the instructors and students alike. They took away her dents, straightened up her bumpers, replaced rusted turn signals, rebuilt the rear door, and sanded away the paint and rust. Then came a gleaming new coat of two-tone paint. They dressed her up in cream and light green. Then white stripes were added to give the appearance of a longer look. The mechanics took her next door then, and they adjusted her brakes, installed a new throw-out bearing and a voltage regulator, aligned the front end, and made many other adjustments. Then came new spark plugs and points. When the preacher arrived and stepped on the starter, she hummed into life. She rolled out of the shops, gleaming in her new paint and ready to go. There were some who said she never was old except in appearance. Her heart had remained young and hopeful.

Back in Philadelphia, the owner of Jones' Trim Shop offered foam rubber, and new white leather upholstery for her seats at a reduced price. A few hours were sufficient for that. Then another man came and installed carpet in her from wall to wall. She had become modern as well as young!

Today she sings as she rolls into the school yards to gather her children for their weekly trip to Beacon Street Baptist Church. She can be seen on the highways occasionally, too. She sports a brand new sign, "Beacon Street Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss." and bears license number CHURCH BUS 111. Just beside the door they have placed her new name. They call her "KIDDI-KAR."

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Names In The News

Rev. Herbert S. Whitten has moved from Concord Church, McCall Creek to New Prospect Church, Pioneer, Louisiana.

Rev. Fred Hartley of Vardaman, began as pastor of Hickory Hill Church, Westville, Fla., January 10. A graduate of Vardaman High School, he was a ranch manager at Sardis when he entered the ministry in 1967. He has completed one semester at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. Mrs. Hartley was Glenda Mooneyham of Vardaman. They have two children.

Rev. Robert H. Foy (Clarke College, 1948-50; B.A., Mississippi College, 1952) of Grenada, received the Graduate Specialist in Religious Education degree from New Orleans Seminary in graduation exercises on January 18. He became chaplain in the Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Alto, Georgia, on February 1, 1967, with the Georgia Department of Education. This is a public offender program. During his training (1964-67) in the Department of Pastoral Care in the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, he earned the M.R.E. degree.

from New Orleans Seminary. From 1958-64 he was pastor of the Pelahatchie Church. He and Mrs. Foy and their four children live in Cornelia, Georgia.

Jimmy Karam, former Auburn University All American football nominee, has been named to the Board of Development of the New Orleans Seminary. Karam, who lives in Little Rock, Arkansas, joins a group of interested men and women from across the nation. Chairman of the group is Mr. Wallace E. Johnson, President of Holiday Inns, Inc.

Dr. Gerald Martin, President of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference, and pastor of Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis, has been made an honorary citizen of the city of New Orleans. The certificate of honorary citizenship and a key to the city were presented to Martin on the New Orleans Seminary campus by Robert E. Thompson, representing the mayor and the city of New Orleans. Thompson said the honor was conferred because of Dr. Martin's important position among Southern Baptists.

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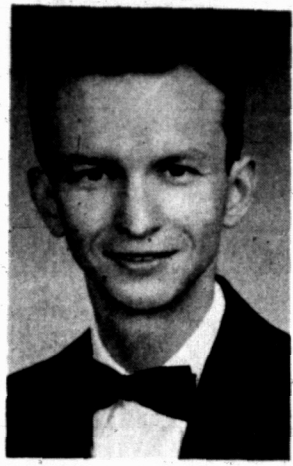
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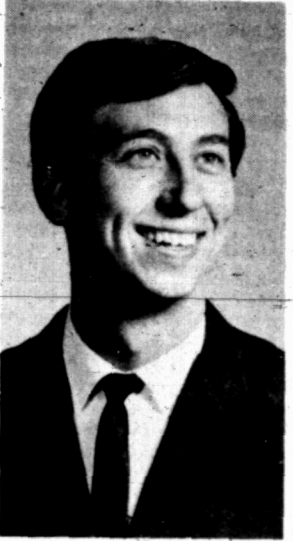
The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

The Saviour And The Lost The Peril Of Unbelief



RONALD A. HOUGH, assistant professor of music at Mississippi State College for Women, has been invited to present the opening organ recital on January 29 for the annual Church Music Workshop at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, of which he is a graduate. Mr. Hough has presented recitals at several other Southern Baptist schools including: New Orleans Seminary, Southwest College, Mars Hill College, and Ouachita Baptist University.



CHARLES KENNETH PRESTWOOD was recently licensed to the ministry by First Church, Mendenhall, Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor. The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Prestwood of Mendenhall, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and is director of an evangelistic group known as The "Him" Singers.

By Clifton J. Allen
John 4:1-42

Jesus came to the earth on a saving mission. His conversation with the woman of Samaria is one of the most instructive examples of his encounter with individual persons and of his leading an individual to the point of commitment to him as the Messiah and Saviour. Following a brief ministry in Judea, Jesus left Judea to return to Galilee and went through Samaria.

The Lesson Explained THIRST AND LIVING WATER (vv. 7-14)

Jesus took the initiative and engaged the woman of Samaria in conversation. Strong prejudice and bitter hostility had broken down all communication between the Jews and Samaritans. Further, it was considered inappropriate for a man to speak to a woman in public. Jesus ignored these barriers of race and custom. He recognized the woman as a person and wanted to help her become a new person. Tactfully, he asked for water, since she came to draw water from the well. In response to her expressed amazement at his speaking to her, he spoke about the gift of God and living water and aroused her curiosity as to who he was. Again, in response to her expressed surprise, Jesus offered the woman the water that satisfies spiritual thirst and becomes in one a fountain of eternal life. The woman was thinking of her physical thirst and the water which satisfies it — at least for a time. Jesus was confronting her with a reality of spiritual thirst and offer-

ing to give the living water which satisfies it — not just temporarily but always.

SIN AND SALVATION

Verses 15-30 must also be considered to show the woman's self-discovery and her true discovery of Christ. He was now ready to probe into her heart which he did by referring to her husband. She had had five husbands and was then living with a man who was not her husband. She needed to face her moral accountability before God and to see herself as spiritually lost. Jesus compelled her to look inward, to review her life of lust and sordid shame and of increasing misery and loneliness in sin. She tried to distract Jesus with a theological question about where and how to worship. Jesus captured her comment to show her that her concept of God was false. God is not restricted to one place; he is everywhere. God is spirit. He can be worshipped with sincerity anywhere. God searches the minds and hearts of his worshippers and demands sincerity. Therefore sin must be faced. Step by step the woman was brought to an awareness of God and of her own guilt. She declared her confidence about the coming of God's promised Messiah who would proclaim the way of salvation. Jesus responded to her heart's hunger by saying, "I that speak unto thee am he."

Something divine and eternal happened in the woman's heart. She hurried to the city to tell the wondrous news. The sincerity of her witness was convincing to neighbors and former companions in sin, who rushed out of the city to see him of whom she spoke with such new devotion.

FIELDS READY FOR HARVEST (vv. 31-35)

The disciples having returned, they urged Jesus to

By Bill Duncan
Hebrews 4:1-13

The writer of the Book of Hebrews begins to define the goal of the ministry of Jesus as to bringing the children of God into "rest." The word rest is used three ways: (1) The first reference is to the rest of God at the completion of his creative work, which is also peace (v.4). (2) The second reference is to the rest promised to the children of Israel upon their possession of the land of Canaan (v.5). (3) The third rest pertains to the experience for which Christians are destined under the leadership of Jesus, the Joshua or Saviour.

In verse 9, the "rest" to the people of God is different in meaning. Apparently the author combined a new word (Hebrew word with a Greek ending) to denote a special kind of rest of God after He had finished his creation. God did not cease work after the sixth day, but He changed his activity from that of creation to redemption. Therefore, the

eat food. But his satisfaction in doing the will of God—in winning the Samaritan woman to faith—had, for the moment, overcome the sense of hunger. He challenged the disciples to concern for the spiritual harvest, the lost and needy souls around them. Persons who are ignorant of the true God, enslaved by their self-centered concerns, given over to lust and the indulgence of the flesh, indifferent to their moral responsibility, and destitute of true life are the lost whom Jesus came to seek and to save. He described them as a waiting harvest. We are not to understand the lost multitudes as being eagerly desirous of salvation. In the main, they do

Christians are to change their work from that of a rebellion against God to "partnership with Christ in redemptive service as the rest."

Jesus offers rest to the world, but unbelief causes many not to enter that spiritual Canaan or heavenly promise. This rest is a relief for the struggle to attain the land of their destiny.

The Promise Of Rest 1-10

The readers of Hebrew are told, "Beware, lest with your disobedience and lack of faith you shut yourselves out of the rest and the peace that God offers." First, there is the promise that persons have not passed the days of the great day of religion. Although many in the past have missed the rest they might have had, the rest remains. This rest is an eternal rest with no close forever. The reason many have failed to receive the rest is the wrong kind of hearing. The kind of hearing that brings rest is that which listens eagerly and then believes and acts. The third idea of this promise is to beware lest they miss the promise. Beware means literally to fear. This kind of fear does not make a man run from a task or be paralyzed to inaction, but makes him put out every ounce of strength he possesses in the great effort not to miss the one thing that is worthwhile.

Moses failed to lead the Israelites into the promised land because of their imperfection in unbelief. They had no faith in God. They had no confidence that God could lead them through the difficulties that lay ahead. Later David promised that yet the real rest was still ahead when faith in Jesus was accepted.

not recognize their need. They are absorbed in the love of the world, proud in their self-sufficiency, and often rebellious in their unbelief. But many can be persuaded.



DR. SWOR AT BMC—While visiting Blue Mountain College as a special guest, giving his time to a schedule of assembly youth lecturing, noonday service inspiration for students, and evening question-answer periods, Dr. Chester E. Swor, of Jackson, nationally known author, youth counselor, and lecturer, points out the value of keeping up with ideas in colleges of the nation. He is shown with Polly Childers, Coldwater, President of the Modern Society, left, and Patsy Henry, Memphis, President of the Student Government Association. Dr. Swor holds a number of degrees, earned and conferred, one of which is the H. H. D. degree conferred in 1966 by Blue Mountain College.

Today there is still open to the readers of the letter the rest of God.

Encouragement To Enter That Rest 11-13

The readers of the letter are encouraged to enter that rest lest the same thing happen to them that happened to the Israelites. The promise of that rest has come in the word of God, and it cannot be disregarded. The reason the word cannot be put aside is that it is instinct with life, that is, it is a living issue for every man. The word of God is effective. When men study the word of God, they realize it is not only something to be learned but it is something to be done. The word of God is penetrating in that it tests a man's earthly life with his spiritual existence. It brings all of a man's life under the scrutiny of God's word. Finally, the

word of God brings everything to God as naked, and everything is compelled to meet God's eye. In the end, we have to look God in the face. Therefore, the word of God is an instrument to encourage men to enter God's rest.

Hobbs says that God through his word is a theologian who understands our spiritual needs; a surgeon who can aid in our physical needs; a psychologist who can analyze and direct the very thoughts and intents of our hearts.

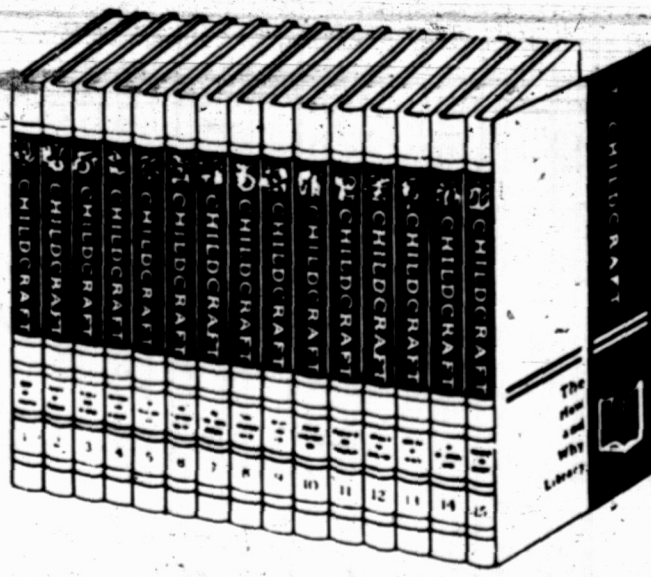
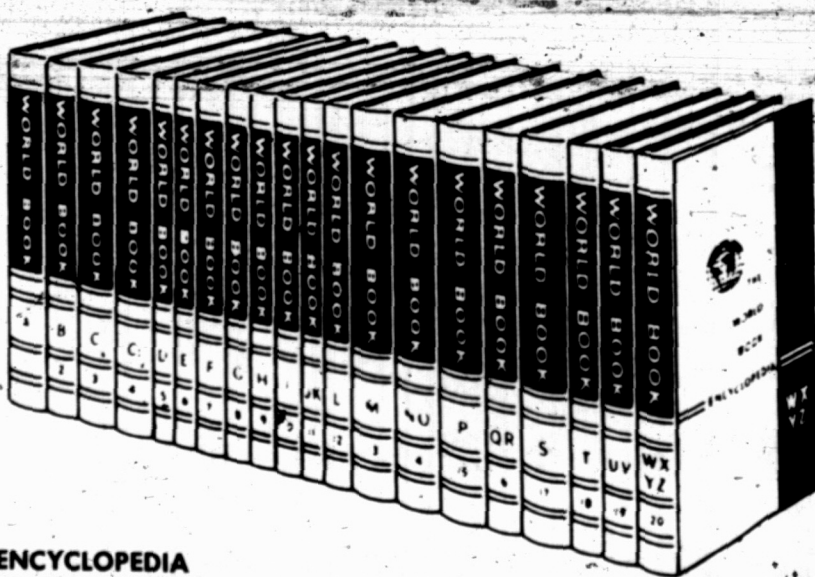
The greatest source for encouragement to accept Christ as Lord is the word of God. The greatest source of encouragement in Christian living and service is the study of the living word—Christ. Therefore, we see that the purpose of the Bible in our day is to encourage us to enter this full rest.

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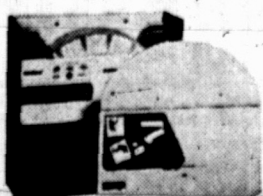
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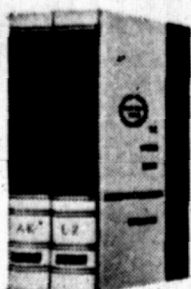
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DEVOTIONAL

The Language Of The People

By Jerry St. John, Jackson, Missionary To The Deaf

He faced perhaps the most difficult task any man ever had. His orders included a promise of almost certain failure. He would be misunderstood and ignored. People would ridicule him. Yet he loved these people more than any other because they were his people. They were familiar with the words he used and they were acquainted with the God he proclaimed. The very familiarity often made the words meaningless. But God called Ezekiel and made him a watchman to warn his own people of the approaching danger.

God told Ezekiel, "Son of man, go now to the children of Israel, and say my words to them. For you are not sent to a people whose talk is strange and whose language is hard, but to the children of Israel." (Ezekiel 3:4-5)

Today, God has called most of us to almost the same task and it is no easier today than in Ezekiel's day. Most of us will have very little opportunity to speak God's words to people whose talk is strange, but we have many opportunities to speak God's words to people who speak our language. Yet, for some reason, many do not understand and obey God's words.

Do we really have a "holy language" that we use exclusively to speak God's words to our people? Often people who have deaf parents will say, "Yes, I can talk to deaf people, but I cannot interpret the worship services for them because I don't know church signs. We didn't use them at home when I was growing up."

Certainly there are a few words that may be peculiar to our worship, but they're not always so. God had always required His people to use the language of the people to express His great truths.

Our task is to speak God's words in the language that people use and understand. It is to speak in action, with love and concern. It is to speak clearly and boldly whether people accept it or not.



A GROUP of students studying religious education from Wm. Carey College under direction of Dr. Joel Ray, professor of religious education, recently visited Baptist interests in Jackson, including the Baptist Building. They are studying Baptist life and work as a part of the "in-service" training program sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department and under direction of Theiman Bryant, department associate.



ACCEPTS CALL TO ALABAMA

Rev. Paul B. Moore has accepted a call of the Linden Church, Linden, Ala. He has been pastor of Bethlehem Church, Laurel, for almost five years, during which time a new sanctuary was constructed, gifts increased over 68%, and 102 additions made to the church.

Mr. Moore served as Training Union Director for Jones County for two years and is serving as a member of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board. He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary.



REV. JOHN O. McMULLEN, former pastor of Puckett and other churches in Mississippi has been elected associational director of evangelism for the East Contra Costa Association in California. He is in charge of the entire program of "Encounter California" for the association which will climax with a Central Crusade, April 21-26. As pastor of the Pittsburg Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Calif., he has baptized twenty-five since April, 1967.

Churches In The News

Big Ridge, North Biloxi, has secured Mrs. Cynthia A. Fikes as part time church secretary. She also will perform secretarial duties for the pastor, Rev. Robert M. Carlisle. The building program of the church is progressing well. The new educational unit, upon completion, will provide additional Sunday School and Training Union space.

Jim Finley Dies At Sebastopol

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., January 15, at Sebastopol Baptist Church for James H. (Jim) Finley, Rev. W. A. Troutman, pastor, officiated.

Mr. Finley, a lifelong resident of Scott County, was a Mason, a retired farmer, and an active member of Sebastopol Church, where only three weeks ago he had taught the Adult Men's Sunday school class. He was 88.

Having been a member of that church for 71 years and having taught Sunday school there for over 60 years, he was "truly" a pillar of the church.

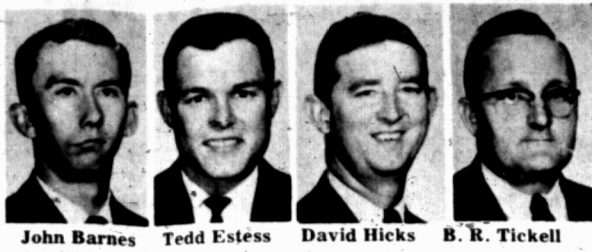
He died Sunday, January 14, at Neshoba County Hospital, after a short illness.

Retired Pastor Dies At 90

Funeral services were held on Jan. 1, for Rev. John Willie Hicks, 90, who died Dec. 30, at the Shumate Nursing Home in Mathiston.

Hicks was a retired Baptist minister, having served for more than a half a century. For 32 years he was pastor of Fellowship Church at Bellefontaine. He retired as pastor at Bellefontaine in 1960, and served as pastor emeritus until his death.

Services were held at the Fellowship Church with Rev. J. B. Middleton officiating. (Hicks and Middleton had made an agreement many years ago that the surviving minister would preach the other's funeral.)



5 Mississippians To Receive Degrees At Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Five students from Mississippi are among the 93 who will receive diplomas from Southern Seminary January 26 in Alumni Chapel.

Addressing the graduates will be Mahan Siler, pastor of the Ravensworth Baptist Church in Annadale, Virginia. Siler will also receive the first doctor of sacred theology degree awarded by Southern Seminary.

Receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree, a three year post-baccalaureate degree, will be John E. Barnes III of Hattiesburg, Tedd L. Estess of Tylertown, David L. Hicks of Waynesboro, and Bobby R. Tickell of Vicksburg.

W. J. Davis of Ludlow will receive the Master of Church Music degree.

In an effort to assist its graduates find a place of service within the denomination, the seminary has available to church personnel committees and Baptist agencies biographical information on each graduate. This may be

REVIVAL RESULTS

Daniel Memorial, Jackson: January 8-14; Dr. E. J. Daniels, full-time evangelist, preaching; Lowell Leister, in charge of music; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor; 22 professions of faith; three by letter; 440 commitments to begin, or to continue tithing; many rededications.

secured by writing to Director of Alumni Affairs, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

A total of 28 students from Mississippi are currently enrolled at the denomination's oldest institution.



Rev. James Messer

1st, Columbia, Ordains Minister

Rev. James Messer was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, Columbia.

The ordination was requested by the membership of Hepzibah Church, Jeff Davis County, where he now serves as pastor. He is living on the field. His bride of six months is the former Toby Davis of Mobile, Alabama. The young pastor and his wife are seniors at William Carey College. He plans to enter New Orleans Seminary soon. The son of Mrs. Zeb Messer, resident of Columbia for many

Neshoba Church Plans Spiritual Emphasis Week

Twelve Mississippi Baptist pastors will converge on Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia during the week of Feb. 4-9 to bring special messages during the week set aside for spiritual emphasis.

Beacon Street will begin pioneer work this year in setting aside a week in which spiritual emphasis will be placed on things in the homes, in business, social activities and in the personal lives of the people of our state.

The pastor, Rev. H. S. Rogers, will bring the initial message at the morning service on Feb. 4th with Rev. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko preaching at the evening service.

The schedule for the remainder of the week follows: Monday morning, Rev. Ray Hill, Philadelphia; Monday evening, Rev. Benton Preston, Jackson; Tuesday morning, Rev. Walter Fancher, Union; Tuesday evening, Rev. W. R. Storie, Jackson; Wednesday morning, Rev. Bobby Waggoner, Philadelphia; Wednesday evening, Dr. Philip McCarty, Mississippi College; Thursday morning, Rev. Roy Collum, Philadelphia; Thursday evening, Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, Canton; Friday morning, Rev. Bob Leavell, Grenada; Friday evening, Rev. W. B. Abel, Noxapater.

Rev. Bobby Waggoner will lead the music during the morning services and Rev. Paul Harlan, Philadelphia will lead during the evening services. Services are scheduled at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily.

years, he was licensed by First, Columbia, three years ago.

Those taking part in the ordination ceremony, in addition to the pastor, were: Marilyn Fortenberry, Sr., deacon; Dr. Russell Bush, Jr.; Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor of Cedar Grove Church; T. T. Martin, Vice-President of GM&O Railroad of Mobile, Ala.; and Jack Smith, chairman of deacons of Hepzibah Church. The Ordaining Council was composed of Dr. Howard H. Aultman, pastor, First, Columbia; Rev. Crawford Williams, pastor of Calvary Church; Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor of Cedar Grove Church; and Rev. George Lee, missionary for Marion, Lawrence, and Waltham Counties.



A. P. Smith, Jr.

Joins Staff At Monticello

A. P. Smith, Jr. has assumed responsibilities as part-time minister of education at Monticello Church. Mr. Smith received his B.A. degree from Mississippi College and Master's degree from the University of Mississippi. He retired January 1 from the field of public education. He served as classroom teacher, superintendent of local schools, County Superintendent of Education, and an assistant in the State Department of Education, for a total of 45 years.

During his lifetime he has been active as a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, and in other places of church leadership, including that of deacon. The pastor, Rev. James L. Harrell, states that Mr. Smith is well qualified to serve in the field of religious education with his training and years of experience in public education and his devotion to the Lord and his keen love for people. Mr. Smith will work in this capacity for two days each week.

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Shift Of Churches To Suburbs Stirs Concern In Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK (RNS) — Four churches have left downtown Little Rock for the city's western suburban section and three more churches and a synagogue are planning to move — a development which alarms some religious leaders.

Churches making the switch from the inner city give essentially the same reasons for moving: a business would cite a shift of the population, lack of parking facilities, lack of reasonably priced land and buildings.

Methodist Bishop Paul Galloway of the Arkansas Area has said it is up to the churches to stay downtown as long as people are there. While the downtown churches have been suburban in membership and program, he said, "a church can maintain its programs downtown if it has a strong pastor, a strong program and much parking space."

The Rev. M. L. Moser Jr., pastor of the Central Baptist church (which has made the move to the west), said that "if you think of it, there are no people there (downtown). We advertise ourselves as being in the 'new heart' of Little Rock," Mr. Moser continued. "We are once again in the geographic center of Pulaski County. I consider that we are still in the downtown area because downtown is moving here."

The Rev. Dale Cowling, whose 2,000-member Second Baptist church has decided to remain downtown, said "the church 'has a moral obligation to help the heart of the city instead of turning it over to sin and vice.'"

"The sentiment of this church," he continued, noting that half the membership lives in western Little Rock, "is that God destined this church to be downtown. When churches have retreated in the North, the cities have become jungles. A downtown church must have something more or people aren't going to drive past six churches to come downtown."

An inner city church, Mr. Cowling concluded, must have a bigger and better program.

Second Presbyterian Church, which will move to a fashionable subdivision in west Little Rock, cited a membership decline as its reason for moving. "The future of the church if it stayed," commented Bill Nash, chairman of the congregation's relocation study committee, "was predictable. It would have to change its programs and move more into the area of intensive social services instead of remaining a membership church."

The pastor of still another

church, First Baptist, which is planning a \$1.7-million plant in West Little Rock, said that the congregation would not move "under any condition if we were the only one downtown."

Other churches which have made the switch are the First Christian, Capitol Hill Baptist and First Nazarene. First Lutheran church has located a chapel in west Little Rock with plans for a future move, and the Orthodox Jewish congregation of Synagogue Agudath Achim has bought property in the west where it will move when its downtown property is sold.



LAKE WASHINGTON First Baptist Church at Glen Allan recently held a noteburning ceremony. The church became debt free for the first time. Those pictured and taking part in the ceremony were: front row: Mrs. T. L. Sandifer, treasurer, holding the note; J. A. Warner, deacon; second row: deacons Paul C. Love, Henry Cooper, A. V. Cole, T. L. Sandifer, L. T. Hearn, Grady Goodman, and pastor, Rev. Malcolm Massey; back row: deacons John McGiboney and H. A. Thornhill.

Belle Fountain Calls New Music Minister

Belle Fountain Church, Jackson Association, has called a minister of music.

He is Wayne Parker, son of Rev. Ford Parker, pastor of Wade Church, A' freshman at William Carey College, he is

majoring in church music.

He dedicated his life to evangelistic music during the Eddie Martin County-wide revival in Pascagoula last year. Since that time he has been serving as choir director in his father's church at Wade and playing the organ in a Gulfport Church.

Rev. G. E. Jolley, Sr., is Belle Fountain pastor.



BSU DIRECTORY—Miss Marian Leavell, retired director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Mississippi, has compiled her annual address directory of former Ole Miss students who were active in BSU. Talking about the booklet with her are E. Harold Fisher, President of Blue Mountain College and UM graduate, and Martha Philpot of Camden, Ala., BSU president at BMC. Miss Leavell is now a dorm hostess at Blue Mountain.

MISS LEAVELL COMPILES ANNUAL ADDRESS DIRECTORY

Even though Miss Marian Leavell is retired as Baptist Student Union director at Ole Miss, she has compiled her annual address directory, a booklet she has edited each year for 25 years.

"When the former students found out that I was leaving Ole Miss last year, they asked me to compile the directory just one more time," said Miss Leavell, who spent 36 years with the Ole Miss BSU.

The publication contains a letter from Miss Leavell and names and addresses of University of Mississippi graduates, who were active in the organization. The booklet includes, such persons as doctors, lawyers, college presidents and deans and many missionaries and ministers.

"I get the names and addresses from Christmas cards

they send me," she explained. "It's about the only way former class mates can stay in touch because people move so much."

Miss Leavell—who is now a dormitory hostess at Blue Mountain College — pays all the expense for preparing, duplicating and mailing the directory.

CALVARY HONORS TRAYLORS

On January 14, the members of Calvary Church, Tupelo, paid special tribute to their pastor on his second anniversary there.

Dr. John Traylor came to Tupelo from the College



Rev. L. D. Wall

Heights Church in Plainview, Texas. Preceding that pastorate, he had served churches in Louisiana and Alabama.

Since Dr. Traylor assumed the spiritual leadership of Calvary Church, the membership has increased from 1246 to 1368. The church's budget has reached an all-time high of \$200,000. The church's "in depth" training and Sunday School program have now reached an enrolment of 1696.

Mrs. Traylor was presented a dozen roses; she and her entire family were guests of the church at a luncheon. The Traylors have two children, Cathy, ten, and Angela, four.